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TO: Transportation and Communications Committee
Regional Council

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SUBJECT: 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment
Approval Procedure

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the revised RTIP amendment approval procedure.

BACKGROUND: The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council, in October 2004, approved the RTIP Amendment Approval Procedure, which is included in the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Guidelines. This procedure grants authority to the SCAG Executive Director to approve and transmit RTIP amendments to the state and federal agencies.

In recent discussions with the Federal Highway Administration they indicated that SCAG's current RTIP Amendment Approval Procedure does not state that the executive director has the authority to make the conformity determination. Therefore, the RTIP Amendment Approval Procedure language must be revised to specifically state that the SCAG Executive Director has the authority to make the conformity determination.

The language approved by the SCAG Regional Council with revisions reflected in bold/italics are as follow:

E. RTIP Amendment Approval Procedure - SCAG Executive Director Authority

The Regional Council **hereby** grants authority to SCAG's Executive Director to approve ***Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) amendments and associated conformity determination*** and **to** transmit to the state and federal agencies amendments to the most current/**ly** approved RTIP.

These amendments must meet the following criteria:

- changes that do not affect the regional ***emissions*** conformity analysis
- changes that do not affect the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures
- changes that do not adversely impact financial constraint
- changes that are consistent with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan

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All other amendments must be approved by the Regional Council.

The amendment process is a lengthy process. This revision will prevent the addition of two to three months to the existing process.

FISCAL IMPACT: No direct impacts to SCAG. *HC*